S. 1999

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Mr. Kerry introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "YouthBuild Transfer
- 5 Act of 2005".

| 1 | SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS. |
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| 2 | Subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na- |
| 3 | tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12899 et seq.) |
| 4 | is hereby repealed. |
| 5 | SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF YouthBuild PROGRAM IN THE |
| 6 | DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. |
| 7 | The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law |
| 8 | 105–220) is amended by adding at the end the following: |
| 9 | "TITLE VI—YOUTHBUILD |
| 10 | PROGRAM |
| 11 | "SEC. 601. YouthBuild Program. |
| 12 | "(a) Statement of Purpose.—It is the purpose of |
| 13 | this section— |
| 14 | "(1) to enable economically disadvantaged |
| 15 | young adults to obtain— |
| 16 | "(A) the education and employment skills |
| 17 | necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in |
| 18 | occupations in demand; and |
| 19 | "(B) post-secondary education and train- |
| 20 | ing opportunities; |
| 21 | "(2) to provide economically disadvantaged |
| 22 | young adults with opportunities for meaningful work |
| 23 | and service to their communities; |
| 24 | "(3) to foster the development of employment |
| 25 | and leadership skills and commitment to community |

| 1 | development among young adults in low-income com- |
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| 2 | munities; and |
| 3 | "(4) to expand the supply of permanent afford- |
| 4 | able housing for homeless individuals and members |
| 5 | of low- and very low-income families by utilizing the |
| 6 | energies and talents of economically disadvantaged |
| 7 | young adults. |
| 8 | "(b) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the |
| 9 | following definitions shall apply: |
| 10 | "(1) ADJUSTED INCOME.—The term 'adjusted |
| 11 | income' has the meaning given the term in section |
| 12 | 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 |
| 13 | U.S.C. 1437a(b)). |
| 14 | "(2) Applicant.—The term 'applicant' means |
| 15 | a public or private nonprofit or organization, includ- |
| 16 | ing— |
| 17 | "(A) a community-based organization; |
| 18 | "(B) a faith-based organization; |
| 19 | "(C) entities carrying out activities under |
| 20 | this title, such as local boards and one-stop op- |
| 21 | erators; |
| 22 | "(D) a community action agency; |
| 23 | "(E) a State or local housing development |
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| 1 | "(F) a community development corpora- |
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| 2 | tion; |
| 3 | "(G) a State or local youth service or con- |
| 4 | servation corps; |
| 5 | "(H) an Indian tribe; and |
| 6 | "(I) any other entity eligible to provide |
| 7 | education and employment training under other |
| 8 | Federal employment training programs. |
| 9 | "(3) Faith-based organization.—The term |
| 10 | 'faith-based organization' means any organization |
| 11 | the founding, governance, or membership of which is |
| 12 | derived from a religious institution or religiously-af- |
| 13 | filiated entity. |
| 14 | "(4) Homeless individual.—The term |
| 15 | 'homeless individual' has the same meaning as in |
| 16 | section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless |
| 17 | Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302). |
| 18 | "(5) Housing Development Agency.—The |
| 19 | term 'housing development agency' means any agen- |
| 20 | cy of a State or local government, or any private |
| 21 | nonprofit organization that is engaged in providing |
| 22 | housing for homeless or low-income families. |
| 23 | "(6) Income.—For purposes of this section, |
| 24 | the term 'income' has the same meaning as in sec- |

- tion 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
- 2 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).
- 3 "(7) Indian tribe.—The term 'Indian tribe' 4 has the same meaning as in section 4(e) of the In-5 dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
- 6 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)).
- "(8) Individual of Limited-English Pro-FICIENCY.—The term 'individual of limited-English proficiency' means an eligible participant under this section who meets the criteria set forth in section 203(10) of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (20 U.S.C. 9202(10)).
 - "(9) Low-income family.—The term 'low-income family' has the same meaning as in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).
 - "(10) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT OR PUBLIC AGEN-CY.—The term 'qualified nonprofit or public agency' means any nonprofit agency that has significant prior national experience providing information, training, technical assistance, and data management to YouthBuild programs or similar projects, and that has the current capacity to provide such services.

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| 1 | "(11) RELATED FACILITIES.—The term 're- |
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| 2 | lated facilities' includes cafeterias or dining halls, |
| 3 | community rooms or buildings, appropriate recre- |
| 4 | ation facilities, and other essential service facilities. |
| 5 | "(12) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP.—The |
| 6 | term 'registered apprenticeship' means an appren- |
| 7 | ticeship program— |
| 8 | "(A) registered under the National Ap- |
| 9 | prenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.); and |
| 10 | "(B) that meets other criteria that may be |
| 11 | established by the Secretary under this section. |
| 12 | "(13) Transitional Housing.—The term |
| 13 | 'transitional housing'— |
| 14 | "(A) means a project that has as its pur- |
| 15 | pose facilitating the movement of homeless indi- |
| 16 | viduals and families to independent living with- |
| 17 | in a reasonable amount of time; and |
| 18 | "(B) includes housing primarily designed |
| 19 | to serve deinstitutionalized homeless individuals |
| 20 | and other homeless individuals with mental or |
| 21 | physical disabilities and homeless families with |
| 22 | children. |
| 23 | "(14) VERY LOW-INCOME FAMILY.—The term |
| 24 | 'very low-income family' has the same meaning as in |

| 1 | section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of |
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| 2 | 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)). |
| 3 | "(15) YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.—The term |
| 4 | 'YouthBuild program' means any program that re- |
| 5 | ceives assistance under this section and provides dis- |
| 6 | advantaged youth with opportunities for employ- |
| 7 | ment, education, leadership development, and train- |
| 8 | ing in the construction or rehabilitation of housing |
| 9 | for homeless individuals, members of low- and very |
| 10 | low-income families, and public facilities. |
| 11 | "(c) YOUTHBUILD GRANTS.— |
| 12 | "(1) Amount of grants.—The Secretary is |
| 13 | authorized to make grants to applicants for the pur- |
| 14 | pose of carrying out YouthBuild programs approved |
| 15 | under this section. |
| 16 | "(2) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Grants under this |
| 17 | section shall be used to carry out YouthBuild pro- |
| 18 | grams, which may include— |
| 19 | "(A) education and workforce investment |
| 20 | activities, including— |
| 21 | "(i) work experience and skills train- |
| 22 | ing, coordinated, to the maximum extent |
| 23 | feasible, with pre-apprenticeship and reg- |
| 24 | istered apprenticeship programs, in the |

| 1 | construction and rehabilitation activities |
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| 2 | described in subparagraphs (B) and (C); |
| 3 | "(ii) occupational skills training; |
| 4 | "(iii) other paid and unpaid work ex- |
| 5 | periences, including internships and job |
| 6 | shadowing; |
| 7 | "(iv) services and activities designed |
| 8 | to meet the educational needs of partici- |
| 9 | pants, including— |
| 10 | "(I) basic skills instruction and |
| 11 | remedial education; |
| 12 | $"(\Pi)$ language instruction edu- |
| 13 | cational programs for individuals with |
| 14 | limited-English proficiency; |
| 15 | "(III) secondary education serv- |
| 16 | ices and activities, including tutoring, |
| 17 | study skills training, and drop-out |
| 18 | prevention activities, designed to lead |
| 19 | to the attainment of a secondary |
| 20 | school diploma or its equivalent; |
| 21 | "(IV) counseling and assistance |
| 22 | in obtaining post-secondary education |
| 23 | and required financial aid; and |
| 24 | "(V) alternative secondary school |
| 25 | services; |

| 1 | "(v) counseling services and related |
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| 2 | activities, such as comprehensive guidance |
| 3 | and counseling on drug and alcohol abuse |
| 4 | and referral; |
| 5 | "(vi) activities designed to develop |
| 6 | employment and leadership skills, which |
| 7 | may include community service and peer- |
| 8 | centered activities encouraging responsi- |
| 9 | bility and other positive social behaviors |
| 10 | and youth policy committees that partici- |
| 11 | pate in decision-making related to the pro- |
| 12 | gram; |
| 13 | "(vii) supportive services and need- |
| 14 | based stipends necessary to enable individ- |
| 15 | uals to participate in the program and, for |
| 16 | a period not to exceed 12 months after |
| 17 | completion of training, to assist partici- |
| 18 | pants through supportive services in ob- |
| 19 | taining or retraining employment or ob- |
| 20 | taining or completing post-secondary edu- |
| 21 | cation placement; and |
| 22 | "(viii) job search and placement as- |
| 23 | sistance; |
| 24 | "(B) supervision and training for partici- |
| 25 | pants in the rehabilitation or construction of |

| 1 | housing and related facilities, including residen- |
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| 2 | tial housing for homeless individuals and low- |
| 3 | and very low-income families or transitional |
| 4 | housing for persons who are homeless; |
| 5 | "(C) supervision and training for partici- |
| 6 | pants in the rehabilitation or construction of |
| 7 | community and public facilities, which shall not |
| 8 | exceed 10 percent of funds appropriated to |
| 9 | carry out this section; |
| 10 | "(D) administrative costs of the applicant, |
| 11 | which may not exceed 15 percent of the amount |
| 12 | of assistance provided under this section; |
| 13 | "(E) adult mentoring; |
| 14 | "(F) wages, stipends, or benefits provided |
| 15 | to participants, the receipt of which shall not— |
| 16 | "(i) diminish the eligibility of an indi- |
| 17 | vidual for publicly supported child care or |
| 18 | health care; and |
| 19 | "(ii) be— |
| 20 | "(I) counted as employment in- |
| 21 | come; or |
| 22 | "(II) considered a liability under |
| 23 | the Federal Insurance Contributions |
| 24 | Act (26 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.); |

| 1 | "(G) ongoing training and technical assist- |
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| 2 | ance to grant recipients that are related to de- |
| 3 | veloping and carrying out the YouthBuild pro- |
| 4 | gram; and |
| 5 | "(H) follow-up services. |
| 6 | "(3) Application.— |
| 7 | "(A) FORM AND PROCEDURE.—Each ap- |
| 8 | plicant seeking a grant under this section shall |
| 9 | submit an application to the Secretary at such |
| 10 | time, in such manner, and containing such in- |
| 11 | formation as the Secretary may require. |
| 12 | "(B) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec- |
| 13 | retary shall require that an application contain, |
| 14 | at a minimum— |
| 15 | "(i) labor market information for the |
| 16 | labor market area where the proposed pro- |
| 17 | gram will be implemented, including both |
| 18 | current data and projections on career op- |
| 19 | portunities in growing industries; |
| 20 | "(ii) a request for a grant, specifying |
| 21 | the amount of the grant requested and its |
| 22 | proposed uses; |
| 23 | "(iii) a description of— |
| 24 | "(I) the applicant and a state- |
| 25 | ment of its qualifications, including a |

| 1 | description of the relationship of the |
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| 2 | applicant with— |
| 3 | "(aa) local boards; |
| 4 | "(bb) one-stop operators; |
| 5 | "(cc) local unions; |
| 6 | "(dd) registered apprentice- |
| 7 | ship programs; and |
| 8 | "(ee) other community |
| 9 | groups and employers; and |
| 10 | "(II) the past experience of the |
| 11 | applicant with housing rehabilitation |
| 12 | or construction, if any, and with |
| 13 | youth education and employment |
| 14 | training programs; |
| 15 | "(iv) a description of the proposed site |
| 16 | for the program; |
| 17 | "(v) a description of— |
| 18 | "(I) the educational and job |
| 19 | training activities; |
| 20 | "(II) work opportunities; |
| 21 | "(III) post-secondary education |
| 22 | and training opportunities; |
| 23 | "(IV) other services that will be |
| 24 | provided to participants; and |

| 1 | "(V) how these activities will pre- |
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| 2 | pare youth for employment in occupa- |
| 3 | tions in demand in the area to be |
| 4 | served by the grant; |
| 5 | "(vi) a description of the proposed |
| 6 | construction or rehabilitation activities to |
| 7 | be undertaken and the anticipated schedule |
| 8 | for carrying out such activities; |
| 9 | "(vii) a description of the manner in |
| 10 | which eligible youths will be recruited and |
| 11 | selected, including a description of ar- |
| 12 | rangements which will be made with— |
| 13 | "(I) local boards; |
| 14 | $``(\Pi)$ one-stop operators; |
| 15 | "(III) community- and faith- |
| 16 | based organizations; and |
| 17 | "(IV) State or local educational |
| 18 | agencies, including agencies of— |
| 19 | "(aa) Indian tribes; |
| 20 | "(bb) public assistance agen- |
| 21 | cies; |
| 22 | "(cc) the courts of jurisdic- |
| 23 | tion for status and youth offend- |
| 24 | ers; |

| 1 | "(dd) shelters for homeless |
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| 2 | individuals; and |
| 3 | "(ee) other agencies that |
| 4 | serve homeless youth, foster care |
| 5 | agencies, and other appropriate |
| 6 | public and private agencies; |
| 7 | "(viii) a description of the special out- |
| 8 | reach efforts that will be undertaken to re- |
| 9 | cruit eligible young women, including |
| 10 | young women with dependent children; |
| 11 | "(ix) a description of the specific role |
| 12 | of employers in the proposed program, |
| 13 | such as their role in developing and assist- |
| 14 | ing the proposed program, in service provi- |
| 15 | sion, and in placement activities; |
| 16 | "(x) a description of how youth edu- |
| 17 | cation and job training programs, local |
| 18 | boards, one-stop operators, employers, and |
| 19 | other key partners will collaborate in the |
| 20 | proposed program; |
| 21 | "(xi) a description of how the pro- |
| 22 | posed program would be coordinated with |
| 23 | other Federal, State, and local activities |
| 24 | and activities conducted by Indian tribes, |
| 25 | such as— |

| 1 | "(I) vocational, adult, and lan- |
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| 2 | guage instruction educational pro- |
| 3 | grams; |
| 4 | "(II) public schools; |
| 5 | "(III) community colleges; |
| 6 | "(IV) national service programs: |
| 7 | and |
| 8 | "(V) other job training provided |
| 9 | with funds available under this sec- |
| 10 | tion; |
| 11 | "(xii) assurances that there will be a |
| 12 | sufficient number of adequately trained su- |
| 13 | pervisory personnel in the program; |
| 14 | "(xiii) a description of results to be |
| 15 | achieved with respect to youth and lifelong |
| 16 | learning common indicators of perform- |
| 17 | ance, as identified by the Secretary; |
| 18 | "(xiv) a description of the relationship |
| 19 | of the applicant with local building trade |
| 20 | unions regarding their involvement in |
| 21 | training, and the relationship of the |
| 22 | YouthBuild program with established reg- |
| 23 | istered apprenticeship programs and em- |
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| 1 | "(xv) a description of activities that |
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| 2 | will be undertaken to develop the leader- |
| 3 | ship skills of participants; |
| 4 | "(xvi) a detailed budget and a de- |
| 5 | scription of the system of fiscal controls |
| 6 | and auditing and accountability procedures |
| 7 | that will be used to ensure fiscal sound- |
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| 9 | "(xvii) a description of the commit- |
| 10 | ments— |
| 11 | "(I) for any additional resources |
| 12 | to be made available to the program |
| 13 | from the applicant, from recipients of |
| 14 | other Federal, State, or local housing |
| 15 | and community development assist- |
| 16 | ance who will sponsor any part of the |
| 17 | construction, rehabilitation, operation |
| 18 | and maintenance, or other housing |
| 19 | and community development activities |
| 20 | undertaken as part of the program; or |
| 21 | "(II) from other Federal, State, |
| 22 | or local activities and activities con- |
| 23 | ducted by Indian tribes, including vo- |
| 24 | cational, adult and language instruc- |
| 25 | tion educational programs, and job |

| 1 | training provided with funds available |
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| 2 | under this section; |
| 3 | "(xviii) identification and description |
| 4 | of the financing proposed for any— |
| 5 | "(I) rehabilitation; |
| 6 | "(II) acquisition of the property; |
| 7 | or |
| 8 | "(III) construction; |
| 9 | "(xix) identification and description of |
| 10 | the entity that will operate and manage |
| 11 | the property; |
| 12 | "(xx) identification and description of |
| 13 | the data collection systems to be used; |
| 14 | "(xxi) a certification by a public offi- |
| 15 | cial responsible for the housing strategy of |
| 16 | State or local government that the pro- |
| 17 | posed activities are consistent with the |
| 18 | housing strategy of the State or unit of |
| 19 | general local government within which the |
| 20 | project is located; and |
| 21 | "(xxii) a certification that the appli- |
| 22 | cant will comply with the requirements of |
| 23 | the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et |
| 24 | seq.) and will affirmatively further fair |
| 25 | housing. |

| 1 | "(4) Selection Criteria.—The Secretary |
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| 2 | shall establish selection criteria for assistance under |
| 3 | this section, which shall include— |
| 4 | "(A) the qualifications or potential capa- |
| 5 | bilities of the applicant; |
| 6 | "(B) the potential for developing a success- |
| 7 | ful YouthBuild program; |
| 8 | "(C) the need for the prospective project, |
| 9 | as determined by the degree of economic dis- |
| 10 | tress of the community from which participants |
| 11 | would be recruited, such as poverty, youth un- |
| 12 | employment, and the number of individuals who |
| 13 | have dropped out of high school, and of the |
| 14 | community in which the housing proposed to be |
| 15 | constructed or rehabilitated would be located, |
| 16 | such as incidence of homelessness, shortage of |
| 17 | affordable housing, and poverty; |
| 18 | "(D) the commitment of the applicant to |
| 19 | providing skills training, leadership develop- |
| 20 | ment, and education to program participants; |
| 21 | "(E) the focus of the prospective project |
| 22 | on preparing youth— |
| 23 | "(i) for occupations in demand; and |
| 24 | "(ii) post-secondary education and |
| 25 | training opportunities; |

| 1 | "(F) the extent of coordination with other |
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| 2 | entities in the workforce investment, public edu- |
| 3 | cation, criminal justice, housing development, |
| 4 | national service, and higher education or other |
| 5 | systems that relate to the goal of the |
| 6 | YouthBuild program; |
| 7 | "(G) the extent of coordination with em- |
| 8 | ployers in the local area; |
| 9 | "(H) the inclusion of previously homeless |
| 10 | tenants in the rental housing provided; |
| 11 | "(I) the commitment of other resources to |
| 12 | the program by— |
| 13 | "(i) the applicant and by recipients of |
| 14 | other Federal, State or local housing and |
| 15 | community development assistance who |
| 16 | will sponsor any part of the construction, |
| 17 | rehabilitation, operation and maintenance, |
| 18 | or other housing and community develop- |
| 19 | ment activities undertaken as part of the |
| 20 | program; or |
| 21 | "(ii) other Federal, State, or local ac- |
| 22 | tivities and activities conducted by Indian |
| 23 | tribes, including vocational, adult, and lan- |
| 24 | guage instruction educational programs, |

| 1 | and job training provided with funds avail- |
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| 2 | able under this section; |
| 3 | "(J) the extent to which grants are distrib- |
| 4 | uted— |
| 5 | "(i) to different regions including |
| 6 | rural areas; and |
| 7 | "(ii) to States that have not pre- |
| 8 | viously received YouthBuild grants; and |
| 9 | "(K) such other factors as the Secretary |
| 10 | determines to be appropriate for purposes of |
| 11 | carrying out the program established by this |
| 12 | section in an effective and efficient manner. |
| 13 | "(5) Approval.—The Secretary shall notify |
| 14 | each applicant, not later than 4 months after the |
| 15 | date of submission of the application by that appli- |
| 16 | cant, whether such application is approved or not |
| 17 | approved. |
| 18 | "(d) Use of Housing Units.—Residential housing |
| 19 | units constructed or rehabilitated using YouthBuild funds |
| 20 | under this section shall be available solely— |
| 21 | "(1) for rental by, or sale to, individuals or |
| 22 | families earning less than 80 percent of the median |
| 23 | adjusted income for the area; or |
| 24 | "(2) for use as transitional or permanent hous- |
| 25 | ing with the purpose of assisting the movement of |

| 1 | homeless individuals and families to independent liv- |
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| 2 | ing. |
| 3 | "(e) Additional Program Requirements.— |
| 4 | "(1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.— |
| 5 | "(A) In general.—Except as provided in |
| 6 | subparagraph (B), an individual may partici- |
| 7 | pate in a YouthBuild program receiving assist- |
| 8 | ance under this section only if such individual |
| 9 | is— |
| 10 | "(i) 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive, |
| 11 | at the time of enrollment; |
| 12 | "(ii) a very low-income individual, a |
| 13 | member of a very low-income family, a fos- |
| 14 | ter care youth (including youth aging out |
| 15 | of foster care), a youth offender, a youth |
| 16 | with a disability, a child of incarcerated |
| 17 | parents, or a migrant youth; and |
| 18 | "(iii) an individual who is a school |
| 19 | dropout. |
| 20 | "(B) EXCEPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT |
| 21 | MEETING INCOME OR EDUCATIONAL NEED RE- |
| 22 | QUIREMENTS.—Not more than 25 percent of |
| 23 | the participants in a YouthBuild program may |
| 24 | be individuals who do not meet the require- |

| 1 | ments of either clause (ii) or (iii) of subpara- |
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| 2 | graph (A), but who— |
| 3 | "(i) are basic skills deficient, despite |
| 4 | attainment of a secondary school diploma |
| 5 | or its equivalent; or |
| 6 | "(ii) have been referred by a local sec- |
| 7 | ondary school for participation in a |
| 8 | YouthBuild program leading to the attain- |
| 9 | ment of a secondary school diploma. |
| 10 | "(C) PARTICIPATION LIMITATION.—Any |
| 11 | eligible individual selected for participation in a |
| 12 | YouthBuild program shall be offered full-time |
| 13 | participation for a period of not less than 6 |
| 14 | months and not more than 24 months. |
| 15 | "(2) Minimum time devoted to edu- |
| 16 | CATIONAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.—A |
| 17 | YouthBuild program receiving assistance under this |
| 18 | section shall be structured so that not less than 40 |
| 19 | percent of the time offered to participants in the |
| 20 | program is devoted to educational services and ac- |
| 21 | tivities, such as those specified in subparagraphs |
| 22 | (A)(i), (B), and (C) of subsection (c)(2). |
| 23 | "(3) Authority restriction.—No provision |
| 24 | of this section may be construed to authorize any |
| 25 | agency, officer, or employee of the United States to |

exercise any direction, supervision, or control over the curriculum, program of instruction, administration, or personnel of any educational institution, school, or school system, or over the selection of library resources, textbooks, or other printed or published instructional materials by any educational institution or school system.

"(4) STATE AND LOCAL STANDARDS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—All educational programs and activities supported with funds provided under this section shall be consistent with applicable State and local educational standards.

"(B) ACADEMIC CREDIT.—Standards and procedures with respect to the awarding of academic credit and certifying educational attainment in programs described under subparagraph (A) shall be consistent with applicable State and local educational standards.

"(f) Management and Technical Assistance.—

"(1) Secretary assistance.—The Secretary may enter into contracts with a qualified nonprofit or public agency or a private agency to provide assistance to the Secretary in the management, super-

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| 1 | vision, and coordination of YouthBuild programs re- |
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| 2 | ceiving assistance under this section. |
| 3 | "(2) Technical assistance.— |
| 4 | "(A) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT OR PUBLIC |
| 5 | AGENCY.—The Secretary shall enter into con- |
| 6 | tracts or grants with a qualified nonprofit or |
| 7 | public agency or a private agency to provide ap- |
| 8 | propriate training, information, technical assist- |
| 9 | ance, and capacity building assistance to grant- |
| 10 | ees assisted under this section. |
| 11 | "(B) YOUTHBUILD USA.—The Secretary |
| 12 | may enter into contracts or grants with |
| 13 | YouthBuild USA to provide the assistance de- |
| 14 | scribed in subparagraph (A). |
| 15 | "(3) Reservation of funds.—In each fiscal |
| 16 | year, the Secretary shall reserve 5 percent of the |
| 17 | amounts available under this section pursuant to |
| 18 | subsection (h) to carry out paragraph (2) of this |
| 19 | subsection. |
| 20 | "(4) Capacity building grant.—In each fis- |
| 21 | cal year, the Secretary may grant up to 3 percent |
| 22 | of the amount available for activities under this sub- |
| 23 | title to YouthBuild USA for— |
| 24 | "(A) capacity building activities; and |

| 1 | "(B) subgrants to organizations eligible for |
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| 2 | grants under this subtitle. |
| 3 | "(g) Subgrants and Contracts.—Each |
| 4 | YouthBuild program shall carry out the services and ac- |
| 5 | tivities under this section directly or through arrange- |
| 6 | ments or under contracts and subgrants with local edu- |
| 7 | cational agencies, post-secondary educational institutions, |
| 8 | State and local housing development agencies, or with |
| 9 | other public agencies, including agencies of Indian tribes, |
| 10 | and private organizations. |
| 11 | "(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.— |
| 12 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be |
| 13 | appropriated for fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal |
| 14 | year thereafter, such sums as may be necessary to |
| 15 | carry out this section. |
| 16 | "(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any appropriations for |
| 17 | any fiscal year for programs and activities carried |
| 18 | out under this section shall be available for obliga- |
| 19 | tion until expended.". |
| 20 | SEC. 4. TRANSITION PROVISIONS. |
| 21 | (a) In General.—Consistent with the requirements |
| 22 | of this section, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary |
| 23 | of Housing and Urban Development shall take such ac- |
| 24 | tions as the Secretaries determine are appropriate to ac- |
| 25 | complish the orderly transition of the YouthBuild program |

- from the authority provided under subtitle D of title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act to the authority 3 provided under section 601 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended by section 3 of this Act. 5 (b) Administration of Prior Grants.—Grants 6 awarded under subtitle D of title IV of the National Af-
- fordable Housing Act with funds appropriated for fiscal 8 year 2005 or for fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2005 shall be subject to the continuing authority of the Sec-10 retary of Housing and Urban Development under the statutory provisions in effect on September 30, 2005, until 12 the authority to expend applicable funds, as specified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has expired and the closeout of such grants has been completed. 14

15 (c) Savings Provisions.—

(1) Administrative actions.—

(A) COMPLETED OR FINAL ADMINISTRA-TIVE ACTIONS.—Any completed or final administrative action of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, including appeals therefrom and payments thereunder, which relate to the administration of the YouthBuild program under subtitle D of title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act, shall not be affected by the enactment of this Act, but shall continue in

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effect according to their terms until amended, modified, superseded, terminated, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, an officer of the United States, or a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

- (B) PENDING **ADMINISTRATIVE** AC-TIONS.—Any pending administrative action relating to the administration of the YouthBuild program under subtitle D of title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act shall remain subject to the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and shall continue to be considered, adjudicated, or otherwise reviewed notwithstanding the enactment of this Act, and in such administrative actions, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered and enforced in the same manner and with the same effect as if enactment of this Act had not occurred.
- (C) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term "administrative action" means orders, determinations, rules, regulations, personnel actions, permits, agreements, grants, financial as-

sistance, contracts, certificates, licenses, registrations, and privileges.

October 1, 2005, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or an officer thereof acting in an official capacity, is a party to a pending civil action that relates to the administration of the YouthBuild program or its functions under subtitle D of title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act, such pending action shall not abate and shall continue notwithstanding the enactment of this Act, and in such action, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered and enforced in the same manner and with the same effect as if enactment of this Act had not occurred.

17 (d) Conforming References.—Beginning on Oc18 tober 1, 2005, references relating to the YouthBuild pro19 gram, and to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel20 opment, the Department of Housing and Urban Develop21 ment, its officers, employees, or agents, or to its cor22 responding organizational units or functions, in connection
23 with such program, whether in statutes, Executive Orders,
24 rules, regulations, directives, or delegations of authority,
25 shall be deemed to refer, as appropriate, to the Secretary

- 1 of Labor, the Department of Labor, its officers, employ-
- 2 ees, or agents, or to its corresponding organizational units
- 3 or functions, except that such conforming references shall
- 4 not take effect for purposes of administration by the Sec-
- 5 retary of Housing and Urban Development of prior grants
- 6 under subsection (b).
- 7 (e) Detail of Personnel.—Upon request by the
- 8 Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
- 9 Development may provide, on a reimbursable basis, detail
- 10 personnel to the Secretary of Labor who shall have experi-
- 11 ence related to the administration of the YouthBuild pro-
- 12 gram under subtitle D of title IV of the National Afford-
- 13 able Housing Act, in order to assist in the implementation
- 14 of this Act.
- 15 (f) Transfer of Resources.—The Secretary of
- 16 Housing and Urban Development shall transfer to the
- 17 Secretary of Labor, in accordance with section 1531 of
- 18 title 31, United States Code, all property, records, staff,
- 19 and resources that the Director of the Office of Manage-
- 20 ment and Budget determines relate to the functions trans-
- 21 ferred to the Secretary of Labor by this Act and amend-
- 22 ments made by this Act.

1 SEC. 5. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.

- 2 The table of contents for the Workforce Investment
- 3 Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–220) is amended by adding
- 4 at the end the following:

"TITLE VI—YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM

"Sec. 601. YouthBuild program.

5 SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES.

- 6 (a) Repeal.—Section 2 of this Act, and the amend-
- 7 ments made thereby, shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
- 8 (b) Workforce Investment Act Amendments.—
- 9 Sections 3, 5, and 6 of this Act, and the amendments
- 10 made thereby, shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
- 11 (b) Transition.—Section 4 of this Act shall take ef-
- 12 fect on the date of enactment of this Act.

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